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1. The release of Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski at this time betrays the fear of Wladyslaw Gomulka over the possibility of a real democratic uprising in Poland similar to that in Hungary. Apart from public statements of sympathy with the Hungarian rebels, Gomulka must know very well how close he came to major disorders in Poland, in which - like Imre Nagy - he would have been under Soviet pressure on the one hand and popular pressure on the other. Having avoided such a dangerous situation in Poland, he must be concerned at this time first and foremost with establishing a firm role in Poland for himself and like-minded Communists.

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2. Cardinal Wyszynski's ticket to freedom was the call he issued immediately upon his release for peace and order in the national interest. Since the Soviets have by no means given up their game in Poland and obviously would not be unhappy to see Gomulka fall from power again, the latter realizes that he needs every bit of public support he can get. If, at this time, Gomulka can have his back free in terms of pressure emanating from the Catholic Church in Poland, this is of the greatest value to him.

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